



# Indy Mopar Club News

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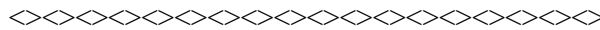
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*Meetings are normally the last Thursday of every month except November & December. Refer to the President's Message for both those and future meeting dates.*

**Next regular meeting: November 30, 2023**; will be held at *MCL Cafeteria, 3630 South East Street* Indianapolis (US 31- N of Southern Plaza between Sumner & National). Meet for dinner at 6pm, meeting at 7pm. A Map Quest link is available on the IMC website – [www.indymoparclub.com](http://www.indymoparclub.com)



### Message from Jeff Platzer, Club President:

Turkey day is almost here, and I can't wait! The downside is it means I still have lots of leaves to rake. Yuch! The yearly problem with the leaves is that some of the trees are completely barren with leaves while others have barely started to shed. I sure don't want to do it twice, so I just wait until they're all down. Sorry neighbors, but I'm too old to do this more than, once.

Not a whole lot to report on this month. Our cruises are over and the cars are basically put away, unless we get a warm day here and there to fire one up for a cruise.

The main issue for the October meeting was the nomination of officers for 2024. We had no nominations tendered and we had nobody that insisted on quitting their current position. Based on our requirements to run for office, very few people are qualified. Those that attended the meeting and were qualified, were asked if they'd like to take a position and said no. To date, no one else has stepped forward to run for any position. So, it's most likely that at our November 30 meeting, things will end up the same as last year. If you'd like to inquire about running for a position please do it quickly.

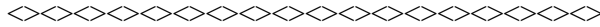
Like many of these older car clubs, the officers are getting up in age, and we don't see a lot of new younger members making the commitment as a full-time member. As we all know, this is both a social club and a charity fundraising club. We only do 4 main events a year with the two cruise-ins, Christmas party and the Mopar Swap Meet, but it still takes a lot of coordination and work. We appreciate all of you that help out as best you can in any capacity.

I am going to make a couple of motions at the next meeting to address some potential help, and a decrease of the workload for the officers and members. Any input you have is welcome.

The first motion is that we reduce the number of meetings to only those necessary to support our specific events. With telephone and email we can stay in touch with any other communications we might need. The first motion will suggest we drop the following monthly meetings (May, August, November). The second motion will be to reduce the requirements to be qualified as a potential officer of the club. Right now, it requires 6 monthly attendance meetings. I'm going to suggest that the required meeting attendance be reduced to 4, and that working participation (Christmas party attendance would automatically be counted as one) in any of our events be counted as one, with a total of 6 total requirements. Attending a cruise-in and donating any items that contribute to show income also constitutes as working the event. I think these changes help take some workload and pressure off of everyone. I'd also like to make a motion that the Communications Director position be turned into two positions, newsletter and website/emails?

Before I go, make sure you have the **IMC Christmas party on your calendar for Dec. 10 at 5:00pm.** As always, this is a gift exchange for a male or female, with an approximate value of \$10.-\$20 dollars. It's not about the cost it's about the fun, so getting something on sale is totally cool. Wrap it up and mark it as male or female. Bring a dish that can be a side vegetable, appetizer, salad or dessert. The main meats and mashed potatoes and gravy will be provided by the club. **The location is Steve Wisdom's neighborhood's Clubhouse, 1202 Leisure Lane, Greenwood 46142.**

See you soon!  
Jeff



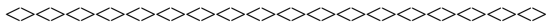
**October 26, 2023 Indy Mopar Club Meeting Minutes**

*Submitted by Dave Opel, IMC Secretary*

1. The meeting was called to order to order at 7pm by IMC Club President Jeff Platzer.
2. Introduction of Guests. – Jeff Platzer.
3. Secretary report - Dave Opel.
  - a. Minutes from August meeting accepted as published.
4. Treasurer's Report – Steve Wisdom.
  - a. October Treasurer's Report was distributed.
  - b. Balance Sheet Oct. 26, 2023
    - i. Sept 28 Balance: \$737.80
    - ii. Oct Income: \$2515.00
    - iii. Oct Expenses: \$2361.96
    - iv. Oct 26 Balance: \$890.84
    - v. Flower Fund: \$209.16
  - c. 61 Member Families Paid
5. Communications Director Report – Randy Smith
  - a. Website changed to reflect \$15.00 Charge per Club shirt due to increased printing cost.
  - b. Pictures are taking an inordinate amount of time to post on website.
6. Member News, Birthdays, Anniversaries – Ronda Cherry
  - a. Read from newsletter – Congratulations to all!
7. Event Calendar – Tom Kelly
  - a. No report – Tom Kelly absent due to health issue.
8. Attendance – Ronda Cherry
  - a. 18 Members were present.
  - b. Attendees: Jeff Platzer, Ronda Cherry, Steve Wisdom, Randy Smith, Dave Opel, Kevin & Sharon Wedan, Dick & Dorinda Crawmer, Bill Edgerton, Steve Claycomb, Scott Oller, Rick Ordo, John Roberts, Tim Little, Jeff Andis, Rick & Orion Bruettig.
9. New Business – Jeff Platzer
  - a. Proposal to reduce Dash Plaques for Cruise-ins from 100 to 75.
  - b. Jeff Platzer to look into Chrysler Pentastar embroidered patches.
  - c. Member Projects: A member has a '70 B-body looking for trunk pieces; Kevin Weden has numerous Mopars available; Dick Crawmer has located parts for his Challenger and have been installed.
  - d. Jan Peel's Funeral was attended by many IMC members and friends. She will be missed.
  - e. York Cruise-In Review – was held Oct 1 with 50 cars attending. Discussed to reduce show time from 12 noon - 4:00 pm to 12 noon - 3:00 pm at next year's Cruise-In.
  - f. Christmas Party is December 10 at 5:00pm. Location Steve Wisdom's Clubhouse at 1202 Leisure Lane, Greenwood. Will be a fun time with pitch-in supper and gift exchange. No December meeting at MCL.
  - g. Long Range Planning- Need suggestions on what people would like to see for future events.
  - h. Nomination were open for Club Officers; No nominees for President. Vice President- Ronda Cherry; Secretary- Dave Opel; Treasurer-Steve Wisdom; Communications Director- Randy Smith.

- i. Motion by Steve Wisdom that Officers eligibility requirement be changed to 3 club meetings plus 3 working events. Example: Swap Meet & Cruise-In attendance. Motion on attendance requirements will be discussed at November 30 Meeting.

10. Motion to Adjourn at 8:00pm by Dick Crawmer, Seconded by Randy Smith.



### **'Plain Jane' – submitted by Larry Mayes**

Tom Kelly suggested I do an article for the newsletter on my latest vehicle:

So far, I have named it Plain Jane but thinking of changing it to Marilyn Munster, you know the plain one. When side by side this is very plain compared to my WildCat, but just like Marilyn Munster she might have been considered plain to the other family members but truly Beautiful.

The car is one of 346 2001 Chrysler Prowler in Pearl Orange (695 Plymouth Prowlers in Orange also), all Prowlers came with 3.5 V6, the 1997 had a cast iron block and rated at 214 hp. In Jan 1998 the all-aluminum 3.5 was available and they did a change and they started building the 1999 Prowler. No prowler is titled 1998 since it would have required recertifying the engine that was already certified for the 1999 model year. The end of 2000 the Plymouth nameplate was going away and the higher ups in charge of the program convinced Chrysler execs to rebadge them as Chryslers.

My car was someone's baby, it only had 11,493 miles when I bought it in June 2023. They made it into their show car adding chrome front suspension, custom louvered side panels, Tom Mills front bumper delete kit, chrome Aluminum grill, chrome support rods in engine compartment, waterfall, door inserts, gauge rings and a few other aftermarket parts. Tony Goertz is one of the best, most knowledgeable Prowler owners I know. Tony has modified his original Prowler many times over the past 25 years. He started with a Paxton supercharger on his 3.5. Once it blew up he upgraded to a 5.7 Hemi & now a 6.1. He has built several Hemi Prowlers and was designing a kit to be able to sell so they could be a DIY kit.

My car is his last one completed, he wanted a show car to start with and bought this to modify for the Ultimate Prowler Show car with a 2009 SRT 6.1 out of a Super Bee Charger with less than 25,000 miles. He is an absolute genius; this car can be driven anywhere and as far as I know the only one that the AC & CC works. Open the hood and it looks factory, fits under the hood with no body mods, runs normal temp with ac on in 90-degree temp and high humidity. Maybe it should be called Heart Attack. After he had it together and out testing doing donuts and videoed it about 15 minutes later, he had heart attack and had to be rushed to the hospital.

I loved the Orange Prowler from the time it came out and had even considered selling my Yellow car when they came out to buy an Orange car. The deal to sell mine fell through so wasn't meant to be. After Tony posted the video of him driving the car and said he planned on selling it; I asked if the CC & AC was functioning, which at the time it wasn't but he was still working on it. This spring he had everything working and was satisfied with it. We made the deal on it but it was in Canada and I wasn't able to go get it. He agreed to deliver it and on June 12<sup>th</sup> of this year he delivered it to me. The 6.1 has many custom parts made to install in place of the 3.5 V6, the transaxle was modified some to help longevity. The AC condenser was relocated to the rear with a cooling fan to open up some room up front and keep some heat out of the engine compartment. The car drives the same as a stock car if you drive it like you have some common sense, but if you push it, it is extremely quick, and you best be pointed the direction you want to go before standing on it. One of the other Hemi cars he built was sold to a guy with a stock car, that guy took the 2 cars across scales and there was a 54 lb weight difference between stock V6 and 6.1 car. One day I plan on getting both of my cars weighed to see if it really is that close.

Have put a little over 500 miles on it this summer and no issues other than when I hit the rev limiter which he had set at 4,000 rpm for the 2-3 as well as 3-4 shift. The check engine light came on, but once I bumped it up no issues since. All Prowlers have a programmed power reduction for the 3-4 shift to protect the transaxle, on a different car the guy damaged the transmission in the 1<sup>st</sup> week, so Tony was trying to make it last longer. I've been driving it with some common sense and don't plan on damaging the transmission any time soon.

He built a stretched 4 seat Prowler that was started from an April Fools cover of an in-house Chrysler magazine. He stretched one 20" and is completely functional.



Tony drove this from his house in Canada about an hour from Detroit to event in Gatlinburg Tennessee in September 2023.



2017 Viper Stryker Orange Tri-Coat Pearl paint



This Orange is Viper Stryker Orange and the Snake skin green had been started to be built in shop in NC but had a fire before they finished it so Tony bought it and fixed everything before selling it.



This is a REAL drivable 4 seat Prowler.



Yes, the top folds into the trunk!



Tony & Margo Goertz delivering my car, the guy is a GENIUS!



Can't get decimal point but abbreviated it.



2009 Super Bee 6.1 fits like a Glove.

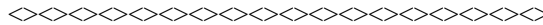




As you can see **WildCat** sure looks **WILD** while the Orange Cat is kind of a **Plain Jane** when side by side.

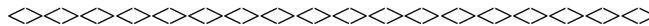
Everyone says, “*This is how they should have built it!*”. I couldn’t agree more BUT...

When this concept was first introduced it was a test product for how to use more aluminum to lighten the cars. The 3.5 all Aluminum V6 was in the works & the BEST ENGINE choice at the time. The all-aluminum V8 Hemi might have been on the drawing board but WASN’T AVAILABLE. The available V8 was an all-iron truck 360 that made less HP than the all-Aluminum V6. Only 397 1997 Prowlers came with the Iron block 3.5. For anyone wanting to read the history of the Prowler, the web site PROWLERONLINE has the best information.



### Tattler’s Corner

**Member News: Ron Kriech** continues his recovery from heart surgery.



### December 2023 Birthdays:

Neal Wyer 12/05    Cheryl Wisdom 12/08    Sue Mayes 12/09    Jeff Andis 12/10  
 Rebecca Roberts 12/21    Tami Keilman 12/23    Jeff Platzer 12/24    Sharon Bridwell 12/30

December 2023 Anniversaries:    Brenda & Jack Myers 12/28    Lori & Kevin Karch 12/30

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!!**

2023 INDY MOPAR CLUB – EVENT LIST				TBV – to be verified	TBD – to be determined	R5 Updated 8-21-23 tvk	IMC Contact
Nov 18-19	Sat-Sun		Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals show	Rosemont IL			Tom Kelly/Dave Watt
30	Thurs	7-8p	Indy Mopar Club Monthly Mtg	MCL Cafeteria			Jeff Platzer
Dec 10	Sun	5p	Indy Mopar Club Christmas Party	Steve Wisdom’s Clubhouse			Steve Wisdom
<b>NOTE: NO DECEMBER MEETING AT MCL</b>				1202 Leisure Lane, Greenwood 46142			